

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) A method Use of a retinoic acid antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of ectopic development of columnar epithelium comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a composition comprising retinoic acid antagonist.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently amended) A method of reducing the Use of a retinoic acid antagonist in the reduction of proliferation of ectopic columnar epithelium in a subject comprising administering to said subject in need thereof a composition comprising retinoic acid.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently amended) A use according to any preceding claim A method according to claim 2, or claim 5, wherein the retinoic acid antagonist is an aldehyde dehydrogenase inhibitor.
8. (Currently amended) A use A method according to claim 7 wherein the aldehyde dehydrogenase inhibitor is a competitive inhibitor of aldehyde dehydrogenase.
9. (Currently amended) A use A method according to any preceding claim 2, or claim 5, wherein the retinoic acid antagonist is citral.
10. (Currently amended) A use A method according to any preceding claim 2, or claim 5, wherein the retinoic acid antagonist is a retinoic acid receptor antagonist.
11. (Original) A method of treating Barrett's oesophagus in a subject comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of retinoic acid antagonist.

12. (Original) A method of treating Barrett's oesophagus in a subject comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a CYP26A1 inhibitor.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 11 or claim 12 wherein said antagonist comprises citral.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) ~~Use of retinoic acid in~~ A method for the induction or maintenance of columnar epithelium comprising adding retinoic acid to columnar epithelial cells in an amount effective to promote said induction or maintenance.

16. (Currently amended) ~~Use of retinoic acid in the~~ A method of promoting conversion of squamous epithelium to columnar epithelium comprising contacting said squamous epithelium with retinoic acid.

17. (Canceled)